



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In Re: U.S. Patent Application of )  
WILLIAM A. WHITE, III et al. ) Examiner: Greg C. Bengzon  
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Application No. 10/004,311 ) Conf. No.: 9418  
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Filed: November 26, 2001 ) Art Unit: 2144  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ) Atty Docket No.: SAA-61 (402P254)  
ASSIGNING A NETWORK NODE ADDRESS**

## **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application.

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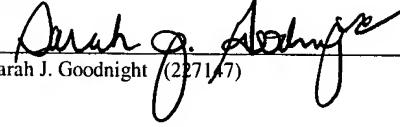
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**REPLY TO DECEMBER 7, 2005 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Examiner:

This Reply is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 7, 2005. This Reply is being submitted within the three month shortened statutory time period. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

**Listing of Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.